2007 Compensatory Mitigation Monitoring Report

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INTRODUCTION

L.E. Carpenter & Company (LEC) implemented a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) for the impacted portion of their \pm 14.6-acre site (approximately 4.7 acres of disturbed area) located at 170 North Main Street, Borough of Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey (Figure 1). The site comprises Block 301, Lot 1 and Block 703, Lot 30 on the Borough of Wharton tax map. The project area is located in the USGS Dover, New Jersey quadrangle with center state plane coordinates of N 754326.5 E 470891.83 (NAD 1983) (Figure 2). A 2002 aerial photograph of the project site is also included (Figure 3).

Due to the parcel's previous utilization for mining and forging throughout the 1700's and 1800's, and vinyl manufacturing from 1943 to 1987, contaminated soils and groundwater were identified on the site. RMT, Inc. (RMT), on behalf of LEC, worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to implement the RAWP for those impacted areas of the property.

As part of the RAWP, several "Hot Spots" (areas exhibiting either inorganic or organic contaminant concentrations in soil in excess of the 1994 Record of Decision (ROD) cleanup criteria) were identified across the site for removal. Several areas identified for contaminant removal overlapped with jurisdictional wetlands on site. A total of 0.337 acre of jurisdictional wetlands was temporarily impacted as a result of site remediation activities (Figure 4). This acreage consisted of a 0.003 acre and 0.009 acre lobe of forested/scrub-shrub wetland on site, 0.286 acre of forested/scrub-shrub and emergent marsh wetland to the east on the Wharton Enterprise property, and 0.039 acre of the Air Products open-water drainage channel relocation to the northeast. Due to the fact that project activities and wetlands extend off site onto adjacent properties, the project area or site referenced in this plan includes the LEC parcel, several acres of the Wharton Enterprises parcel to the east, and the Air Products drainage channel to the northeast.

Upon completion of cleanup activities, the entire 0.337 acre of wetland disturbance was restored and enhanced as more diverse emergent wetland communities. All temporary wetland impacts were restored and mitigated for at their current locations. A Wetland Mitigation Construction Final Report, dated August 28, 2005, was submitted to the NJDEP upon completion of restoration activities.

The main source of hydrology for the restored wetland is a direct surface water flow from the Rockaway River. The wetland area was restored to pre-cleanup grades. The intention was to restore and enhance the pre-existing wetland so that there is no-net loss of wetlands as a result of the clean-up work completed by LEC.

The primary means through which wetland vegetation will be established in the mitigation area is through planting native seed and bare root stock trees, as well as natural colonization from the adjacent wetland areas. For a list of planted species within the mitigation area and transition zone, see Appendix A.



MONITORING

Annual monitoring of the mitigation area is proposed for five years, unless it is apparent the wetland has been successfully established sooner, upon which case the permittee will propose elimination of any subsequent reports in writing to the NJDEP. Only upon written concurrence from the NJDEP will any reporting requirements be eliminated.

LEC will submit annual reports to the NJDEP by December 31 of each monitoring year in accordance with the requirements outlined in the NJDEP Mitigation Project Monitoring Reports Checklist for Completeness. The monitoring reports will, at a minimum, include the following:

- 1. Photographs of the wetland mitigation areas.
- 2. Assessment of vegetative communities and evaluation of whether a dominance of wetland species exists (according to federal wetland indicator status of species identified).
- 3. Wildlife utilization evaluation.
- 4. Hydrology evaluation.
- 5. Soil evaluation.
- 6. Sediment loading evaluation.
- 7. Evaluation of sideslope and transition area conditions. Evaluation of overall progress toward successful achievement of wetland creation as designed, per each of the performance standards dictated for the project. Perform a comparative assessment between existing conditions and the performance standards.

This document will serve as the third annual monitoring report.

METHODS

A spring site visit was completed on May 15, 2007 followed by a thorough review of the mitigation site on September 20, 2007. During the May visit, conditions were sunny and 80° F while conditions were sunny and 85° F during the September site visit. Two site visits (June 26 and August 1) were also conducted to chemically treat the invasive species of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) in 2007. The wetland was walked using the random meander method. All plant species encountered during the walk-through were recorded on inventory data sheets until no new plant species were observed (Appendix B). Plant names were used as listed in Gleason and Cronquist (1991).

Three permanent transects were set up in order to measure percent cover of vegetation in the wetland (Figure 4). Several 1-m² plots were laid along the transect in order to measure the vegetative cover. A percent cover value was assigned to each species found in the plots. Total vegetative cover was calculated by averaging the vegetative cover from each plot along the transect (Appendix B).

Information on hydrology was collected using evidence provided by soil pits. Permanent reference points were established at the beginning of each transect so that water levels can be



recorded in the same location from year-to-year. The site was also inspected for problems such as erosion, sedimentation, and water quality issues. Signs of wildlife use were also recorded during the walk-through. Finally, reference points were established from which to take photographs.

VEGETATIVE COMMUNITY

The data from the plots was used to describe the vegetative cover. Of the total wetland and transition areas, an average of 84% was vegetated and the remaining 16% was bare soil. The total vegetative cover in the emergent and forested zones is approximately the same as it was in the first year of monitoring. Vegetative cover in the transition zone has increased each year, and is currently fully vegetated along the transect. The number and percent of native wetland indicator species in the emergent zone has increased each year, while in the forested zone, the number and levels are similar to 2005. The number of species within the transition zone has steadily increased each year. Dominant species, based on relative cover (RC), in the emergent zone include goose grass (Eleusine indica) (23.4% RC), arrow leaved tear thumb (Polygonum sagittatum) (8.0% RC), grass-leaved goldenrod (Euthamia graminifolia) (7.8% RC), purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria) (7.4% RC), barnyard grass (Echinocloa crusgalli) (6.0% RC), and redtop (Agrostis gigantea) (6.0% RC). Dominant species in the forested/scrub-shrub zone include goose grass (19.5% RC), sneezeweed (Helenium autumnale) (15.5%), grass-leaved goldenrod (6.9%), common plantain (*Plantago major*) (5.5% RC), and barnyard grass (5.5% RC). Dominant species in the transition zone include goose grass (27.0% RC), white clover (Trifolium repens) (9.1% RC), grass-leaved goldenrod (8.6% RC), and Bermuda grass (Cynodon dactylon) (7.6% RC).

Table 1. A summary of species diversity in the emergent zone

Year	Total # Species	# Native Wetland Indicator Species (NWIS)	# Native Species	Percent Vegetative Cover	Percent Actual Vegetative Cover by NWIS
2005	49	19 (39%)	29 (59%)	77%	11%
2006	46	24 (52%)	31 (67%)	90%	38%
2007	56	36 (64%)	44 (79%)	78%	31%

Table 2. A summary of species diversity in the forested/scrub-shrub zone

Year	Total # Species	# Native Wetland Indicator Species (NWIS)	# Native Species	Percent Vegetative Cover	Percent Actual Vegetative Cover by NWIS
2005	51	23 (45%)	34 (67%)	82%	10%
2006	53	29 (55%)	41 (77%)	98%	26%
2007	54	23 (43%)	36 (67%)	82%	41%



Table 3. A summary of species diversity in the transition zone

Year	Total # Species	# Native Wetland Indicator Species (NWIS)	# Native Species	Percent Vegetative Cover
2005	37	7 (19%)	19 (51%)	62%
2006	49	10 (31%)	28 (57%)	94%
2007	63	19 (30%)	39 (62%)	100%

The following invasive species were observed within the mitigation wetlands during the 2007 monitoring visit: reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*). These species were located in a strip approximately 10' wide around the north and east border of the emergent zone, and were apparently increasing in cover. In the emergent zone, purple loosestrife increased from 5.7% RC in 2006 to 7.4% RC in 2007, while reed canary grass increased from 0.5% RC in 2006 to 3.4% RC in 2007. In the forested zone, purple loosestrife decreased from 5.3% RC in 2006 to 4.2% RC in 2007. Reed canary grass remained absent from the transect data in the forested area. These species will continue to be selectively treated using wetland-approved herbicides. Annual treatments will be performed twice each year through September 2009, or until all invasive populations have been effectively controlled.

All of the planted bareroot trees and shrubs have died. Late season installation (June 28, 2005), drought conditions, and deer predation were likely contributors to the death of the installed trees. A replant of 250 bareroot trees with predator guards is planned to encourage sufficient coverage to meet mitigation requirements. Due to the fact that additional monitoring wells are required to be installed in this area, this supplemental planting should take place after well installation during the spring of 2008 (April or May).

The overall coverage by wetland indicator species continues to increase over time. During the 2007 growing season, a dramatic increase in the presence of seeded species was observed. It is anticipated that wetland indicator species will continue to increase as the mitigation wetland develops. While Canada Goose individuals were observed at the site during the spring visit, it appeared that little damage had been done to the vegetation between the two visits. Sneezeweed was one of the conspicuous native wetland indicator species present in numbers much larger than those seen in previous visits. Future monitoring visits will include further assessment of the development of native wetland vegetation at the site.

MAINTENANCE

Invasive or noxious vegetation can oftentimes prevent or hinder the successful establishment of native species in a wetland mitigation area. For this reason, a routine wetland maintenance program is being implemented at the LEC project site. This program includes semi-annual site visits to assess and treat (if necessary) any invasive species found on the property. Based on knowledge of the site and adjacent communities, chemical applications have been selected as the most effective maintenance tool for control of invasive species. Invasive species on the site were chemically treated on June 26 and August 1, 2007.



Any potential browsing damage by herbivores will be noted and addressed during routine maintenance site visits. Should the need arise, deer or goose fencing will be erected around the seeded areas to promote growth and restrict grazing or browsing.

Subsequent to permit issuance and after the restored wetland areas had been planted, several federal agency personnel raised a concern over the use of barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crusgalli*) in the wetland restoration seed mix. Due to the fact that several respected botanical sources disagree on the status of barnyard grass as a native versus non-native species, it was decided that barnyard grass populations on the project site will be monitored. If at any time it is determined that barnyard grass is having a detrimental effect on the mitigation area or prohibiting the establishment of other native species, it will be effectively controlled during the semi-annual maintenance site inspections. At this time, barnyard grass does not appear to be a long-term concern.

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Site conditions in 2007 were wetter than in 2005, and slightly drier than in 2006. Hydrology ranged from moist soil to pockets of inundation up to 2" deep. At the eastern end of the emergent zone transect, a soil pit was dug to inspect hydrology. During the September site visit, the soil was saturated in this region at the surface. At the eastern end of the forested zone transect, the soil was inundated up to 0.5" above the surface. At the western end of the emergent zone, no saturation was found within 16" of the soil surface. At the western end of the forested zone, saturation occurred at approximately 16" below the soil surface.

WILDLIFE HABITAT

Evidence of wildlife use was present in the mitigation wetland. The presence of white-tailed deer and Canada Goose continue to be evident, though herbivory by these species does not appear to have caused detrimental harm to the herbaceous species. The complete loss of all planted tress may be directly related to the herbivory by white-tailed deer. As the mitigation site progresses and the wetland vegetation becomes dominant, it is expected that the wildlife observations will continue to increase, and the desired goal of creating wildlife habitat within the mitigation area will be achieved.

Table 5. Comprehensive list of wildlife observations in the mitigation wetland

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
BIRDS	
Cyanocitta cristata	Blue Jay
Buteo jamaicensis	Red-Tailed Hawk
Branta canadensis	Canada Goose*
Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove*
Colaptes auratus	Northern Flicker
AMPHIBIANS	
Rana clamitans	Green frog*
MAMMALS	



Odocoileus virginianus	White-tailed deer*
INSECTS	
Papilio glaucus	Tiger swallowtail

^{*}Observed in 2007

SOILS

During the 2007 site visit, soil characteristics and textures were not specifically examined due to the fact that this had previously been done in June 2005. Results of the soil profile review were presented in the Wetland Mitigation Construction Final Report, dated August 28, 2005, and are again presented below.

Table 6. Soil profile review

	Soil Depth	Munsell Soil Color	Soil Texture
Boring 1 (40.54.15.00748N 74.34.31.41719W)	0-10" 10-20"	10YR 4/3 10YR 3/3	Loam Loam
Boring 2 (40.54.14.42438N 74.34.31.14259W)	0-13" 13-20"	10YR 4/2 10YR 3/2	Loamy clay Loamy clay
Boring 3 (40.54.13.75148N 74.34.31.31904W)	0-15" 15-20"	10YR 4/3 10YR 3/1	Loam Loamy clay
Boring 4 (40.54.13.94790N 74.34.29.98567W)	0-2" 2-20"	10YR 4/3 10YR 3/2	Loam Loam
Boring 5 (40.54.14.63046N 74.34.29.45719W)	0-9" 9-20"	10YR 4/3 10YR 3/2	Loam Loam
Boring 6 (40.54.12.80847N 74.34.34.70682W)	0-20"	10YR 3/3	Loam

SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROL

There were no signs of erosion problems on the days the site was investigated. The potential for erosion issues has decreased due to the site's increased vegetative cover. It is expected that as the vegetative cover of the mitigation area continues to increase, the potential for erosion will be effectively eliminated.

CONCLUSIONS

The mitigation area was constructed during an extremely dry growing season, and late installation of seed and bare root trees, as well as herbivory by white-tailed deer and Canada

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Goose, were causes for the slow development of the mitigation wetland areas. The actual percent cover by native wetland species has increased since construction of the site, but still remains lower than the required 85% cover by native wetland species. It is anticipated that the additional seeding of wetland species proposed after the installation of monitoring wells in the mitigation area should meet the requirements by the end of the monitoring period.

At this time, it is recommended that LEC proceed with the planned following steps.

- 1. Plant at least 250 additional bareroot trees in the spring of 2008.
- 2. Continue maintenance visits for invasive species control to eliminate or effectively control their presence in the wetland mitigation area. LEC currently has a 5-year maintenance plan contract in place that includes semi-annual visits.

Due to the fact that wetland communities surrounding the mitigation site and elevations were restored to pre-existing contours with no impedance to surface or groundwater flow, we expect that wetland and transition zone restoration will continue to progress and be successful. This was seen in the results of the emergent and forested wetland areas with an increase in total cover by wetland indicator species in both of these areas.

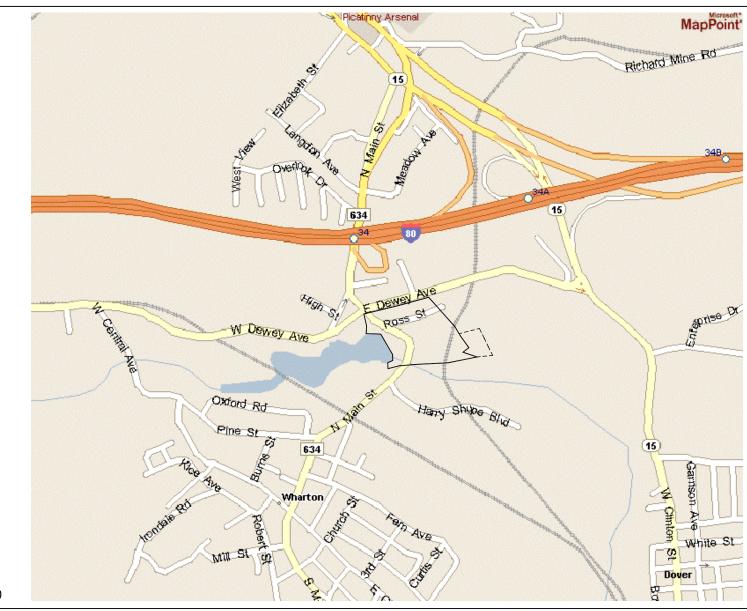
It should be noted that the remedial action work plan for the LEC site was altered in 2006 and the need for additional groundwater monitoring wells located in the mitigation area was confirmed. From late summer through the end of the year, permit modifications were being pursued by RMT, Inc. Due to the fact that the installation of additional monitoring wells will involve mitigation area site disturbance, supplemental planting of trees was put on hold. Newly installed trees would have been run over by well installation equipment and resulted in duplicate replanting efforts. As soon as all required permit modifications are obtained from the NJDEP LURP, it is anticipated that the additionally required monitoring wells will be installed and supplemental planting will be completed. At the current time, it is anticipated that all required permit modifications will be obtained in the near future and wells should be installed shortly thereafter. This will allow ample time for an effective spring 2008 tree planting event along with reseeding of the areas disturbed by well installation activities.

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Figures





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- APPROXIMATE PROPERTY BOUNDARY



- EXPANDED PROJECT AREA



FIGURE 1 - LOCATION MAP

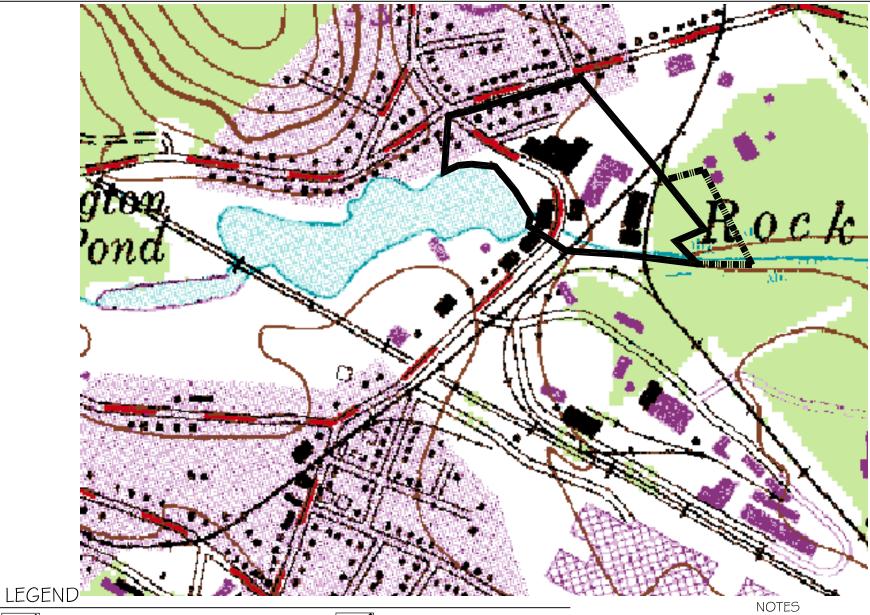
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- APPROXIMATE PROPERTY BOUNDARY



- EXPANDED PROJECT AREA

FIGURE 2 - USGS MAP

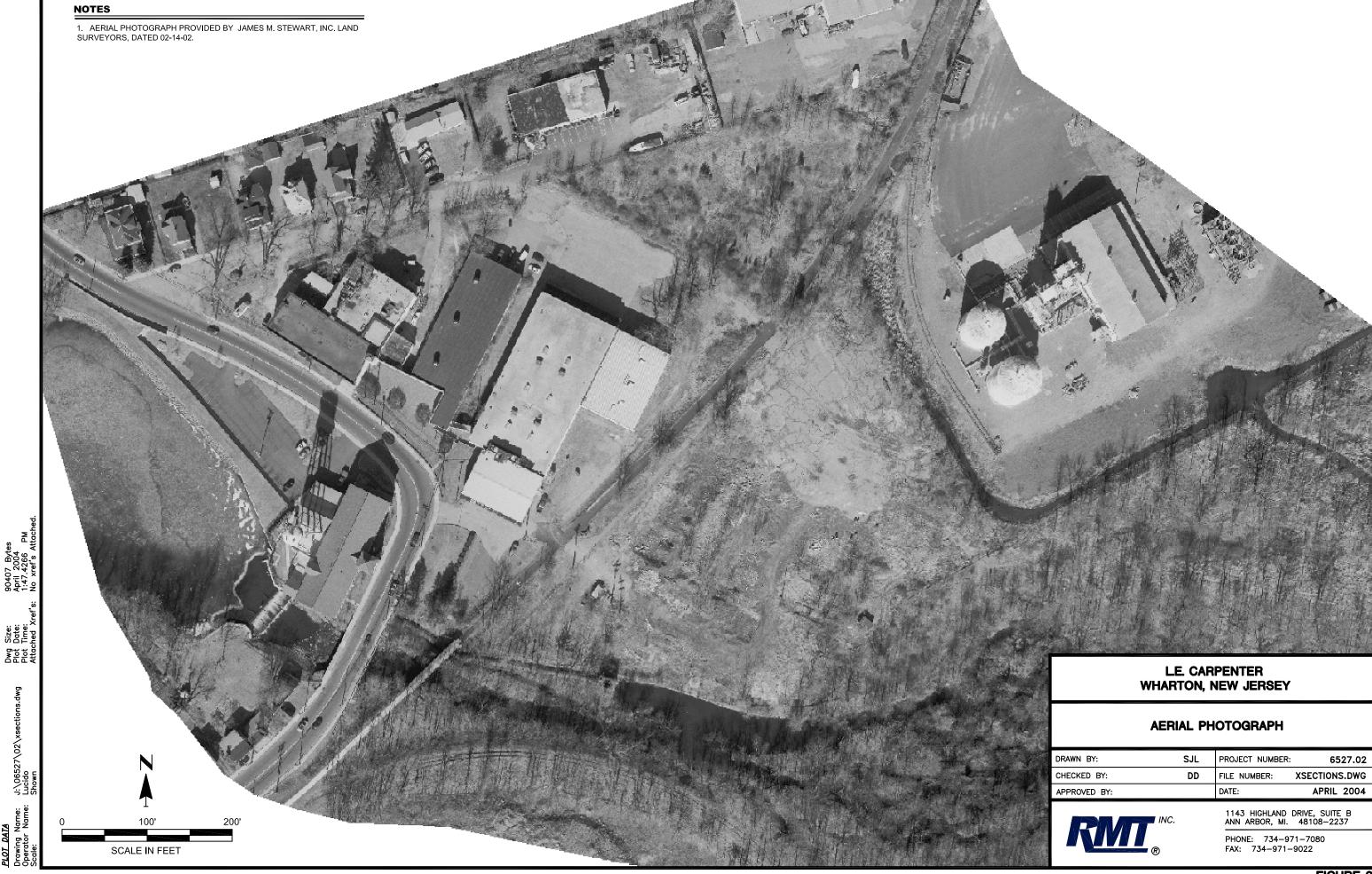
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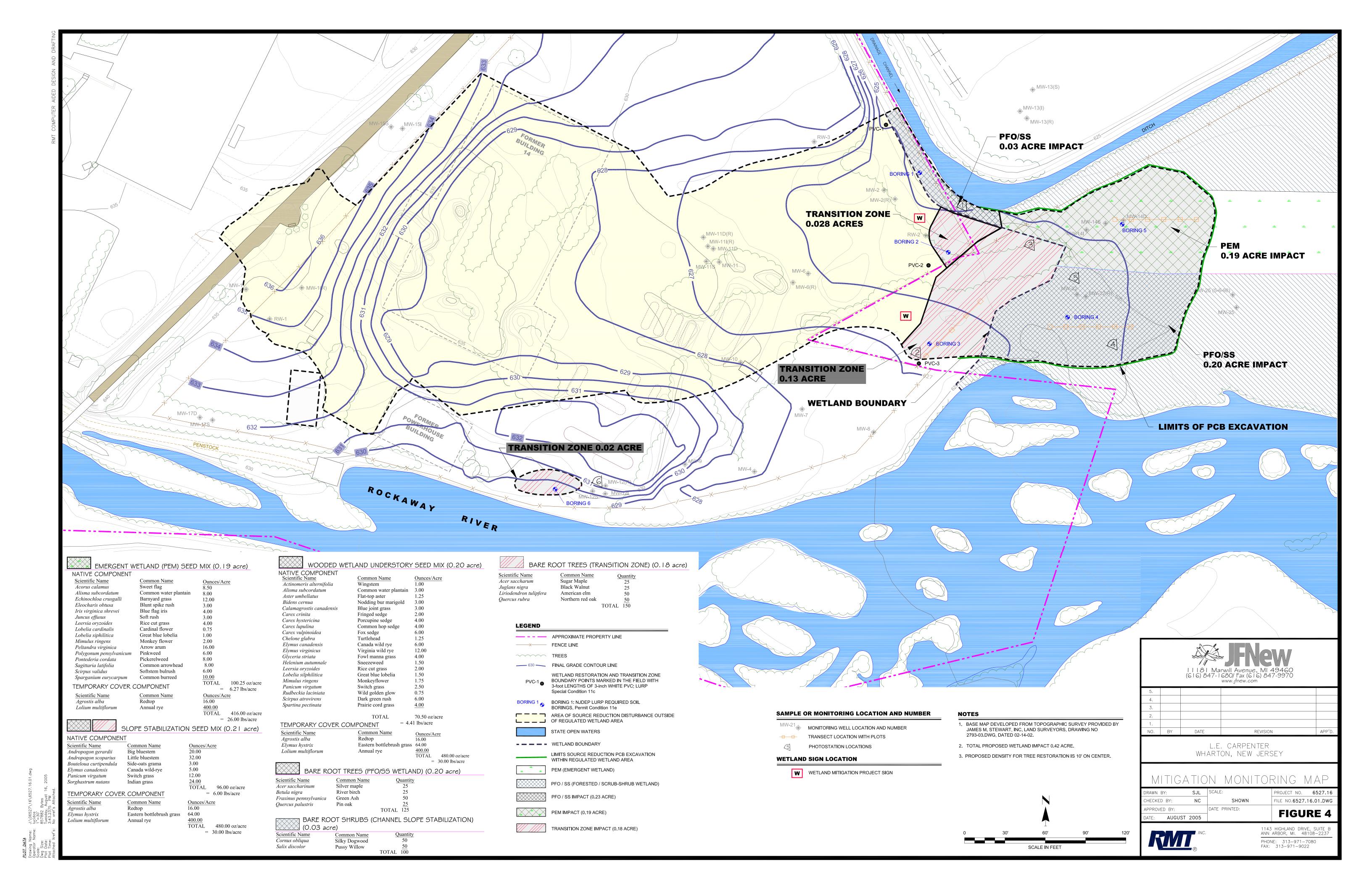


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SOURCE:USGS DOVER,NJ QUADRANGLE HUC-14 CODE 02030103030070





Appendices



Appendix A: Planting List





EMERGENT WETLAND IMPACT AREA (0.19 acre)

Emergent Wetland Seed Mix (32.27 pounds/acre)

Native Component

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Acorus calamus	Sweet flag	8.50
Alisma subcordatum	Common water plantain	8.00
Echinochloa crusgalli	Barnyard grass	12.00
Eleocharis ovata	Blunt spike rush	3.00
Iris virginica shrevei	Blue flag iris	4.00
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	3.00
Leersia oryzoides	Rice cut grass	4.00
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal flower	0.75
Lobelia siphilitica	Great blue lobelia	1.00
Mimulus ringens	Monkey flower	2.00
Peltandra virginica	Arrow arum	16.00
Polygonum pensylvanicum	Pinkweed	6.00
Pontederia cordata	Pickerelweed	8.00
Sagittaria latifolia	Common arrowhead	8.00
Scirpus validus	Softstem bulrush	6.00
Sparganium eurycarpum	Common burreed	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL NATIVE FORBS AND GR	RASSES	100.25 = (6.27 lbs/acre)

Temporary Cover Component

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Agrostis gigantea	Redtop	16.00
Lolium perenne	Annual rye	<u>400.00</u>
TOTAL		416.00 = (26.00 lbs/acre)



FORESTED/SCRUB-SHRUB IMPACT AREA (0.20 acre)

Wooded Wetland Understory Seed Mix (34.41 pounds/acre)

Native Component		
Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Alisma subcordatum	Common water plantain	3.00
Aster umbellatus	Flat-top aster	1.25
Bidens cernua	Nodding bur marigold	3.00
Calamagrostis canadensis	Blue joint grass	3.00
Carex crinita	Fringed sedge	2.00
Carex hystericina	Porcupine sedge	4.00
Carex lupulina	Common hop sedge	4.00
Carex vulpinoidea	Fox sedge	6.00
Chelone glabra	Turtlehead	1.25
Elymus canadensis	Canada wild rye	6.00
Elymus virginicus	Virginia wild rye	12.00
Glyceria striata	Fowl manna grass	4.00
Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	1.50
Leersia oryzoides	Rice cut grass	2.00
Lobelia silphilitica	Great blue lobelia	1.50
Mimulus ringens	Monkeyflower	1.75
Panicum virgatum	Switch grass	2.50
Rudbeckia laciniata	Wild golden glow	0.75
Scirpus atrovirens	Dark green rush	6.00
Spartina pectinata	Prairie cord grass	4.00
Verbesina alternifolia	Wingstem	<u>1.00</u>
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TOTAL NATIVE FORBS AND GRASSES 70.50 = (4.41 lbs/acre)

Temporary Cover Component

Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Redtop	16.00
Eastern bottlebrush grass	64.00
Annual rye	400.00
-	480.00 = (30.00 lbs/acre)
	Redtop Eastern bottlebrush grass

Native Trees and Shrubs

Scientific Name	Common Name	Quantity
Acer saccharinum	Silver maple	25
Betula nigra	River birch	25
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green ash	50
Quercus palustris	Pin oak	<u>25</u>
TOTAL TREES		125



DRAINAGE CHANNEL SIDESLOPE IMPACT AREA (0.03 acre)

Slope Stabilization Mix (36.00 pounds/acre)

Native (Component
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Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Andropogon gerardii	Big bluestem	20.00
Bouteloua curtipendula	Side-oats grama	3.00
Elymus canadensis	Canada wild-rye	5.00
Panicum virgatum	Switch grass	12.00
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little bluestem	32.00
Sorghastrum nutans	Indian grass	24.00

TOTAL NATIVE GRASSES $\overline{96.00} = (6.00 \text{ lbs/acre})$

Temporary Cover Component

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Agrostis gigantea	Redtop	16.00
Elymus hystrix	Eastern bottlebrush grass	64.00
Lolium perenne	Annual rye	400.00
TOTAL	-	480.00 = (30.00 lbs/acre)

Native Trees and Shrubs

Common Name	<u>Quantity</u>
Silky dogwood	50
Pussy willow	<u>50</u>
	100
	Silky dogwood



TRANSITION ZONE IMPACT AREA (0.18 acre)

Slope Stabilization Mix (36.00 pounds/acre)

Scientific Name	Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Andropogon gerardii	Big bluestem	20.00
Bouteloua curtipendula	Side-oats grama	3.00
Elymus canadensis	Canada wild-rye	5.00
Panicum virgatum	Switch grass	12.00
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little bluestem	32.00
Sorghastrum nutans	Indian grass	<u>24.00</u>
TOTAL NATIVE GRASSES		96.00 = (6.00 lbs/acre)

Temporary Cover Component

Common Name	Ounces/Acre
Redtop	16.00
Eastern bottlebrush grass	64.00
Annual rye	<u>400.00</u>
•	480.00 = (30.00 lbs/acre)
	Redtop Eastern bottlebrush grass

Native Trees and Shrubs

Scientific Name	Common Name	Quantity
Acer saccharum	Sugar maple	25
Juglans nigra	Black walnut	25
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip tree	50
Quercus rubra	Red oak	<u>50</u>
TOTAL TREES		150

Appendix B: Wetland Data Sheets



DATA ENTRY FORM MITIGATION WETLAND MONITORING		
Project Number: 040229	Project Name/Location: RMT/New Jersey	
General Site Conditions: Moist soil surface	Date: September 20, 2007	
Past and Present Weather: Sunny, dry	Hydrology: Soil moist to saturated	
Wildlife:		

VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA Transect 1: Transition Zone Plot Number Species Names Cover Plot Number Species Plot 1 Eupatorium rugosum 5% Plot 3 Gnapha

Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover
Plot 1	Eupatorium rugosum	5%	Plot 3	Gnaphalium obtusum	2%
	Euthamia graminifolia	25%		Erechtites hieracifolia	2%
	Solidago altissima	10%		Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	2%
	Agrostis gigantea	40%		Andropogon gerardii	2%
	Acalypha rhomboidea	3%		Eleusine indica	80%
	Setaria glauca	2%		Bidens discoidea	1%
	Oxalis stricta	1%		Acalypha rhomboidea	1%
	Artemisia vulgaris	2%		Conyza canadensis	1%
	Cyperus strigosus	1%		Eupatorium maculatum	10%
	Aster lanceolatus	3%		Trifolium repens	1%
	Medicago lupulina	2%		Potentilla simplex	1%
	Lobelia siphilitica	1%			
	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	2%	Plot 4	Catalpa speciosa	1%
	Coronilla varia	3%		Polygonum persicaria	2%
	Bidens frondosus	1%		Melilotus sp.	5%
	Trifolium repens	2%		Acalypha rhomboidea	3%
	Eleusine indica	7%		Lobelia inflata	1%
	Echinocloa crusgalli	100%		Lythrum salicaria	3%
	Lythrum salicaria	1%		Trifolium repens	5%
				Euthamia graminifolia	10%
Plot 2	Sorghastrum nutans	5%		Eleusine indica	30%
	Chrysanthemum leuchanthemum	13%		Medicago lupulina	3%
	Eleusine indica	25%		Plantago major	2%
	Acalypha rhomboidea	5%		Ambrosia artemisiifolia	5%
	Lespedeza capitata	2%		Agrostis hyemalis	25%
	Potentilla simplex	5%		Setaria glauca	1%
	Trifolium repens	5%		Eupatorium maculatum	3%
	Panicum dichotomiflorum	2%		Conyza canadensis	1%
	Conyza canadensis	2%		Solidago rugosa	2%
	Echinocloa crusgalli	2%		Panicum dichotomiflorum	2%
	Polygonum pensylvanicum	1%	_		
	Agrostis hyemalis	35%			

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VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA		
Transition Zone Inventory		
Acalypha rhomboidea	Lamium purpureum	
Agrostis gigantea	Lespedeza capitata	
Agrostis hyemalis	Lobelia inflata	
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	Lobelia siphilitica	
Andropogon gerardii	Lythrum salicaria	
Andropogon scoparius	Medicago lupulina	
Apocynum cannabinum	Oxalis stricta	
Artemisia vulgaris	Panicum dichotomiflorum	
Aster lanceolatus	Panicum virgatum	
Bidens cernuus	Plantago lanceolata	
Bidens frondosus	Plantago major	
Bouteloua curtipendula	Polygonum lapathifolium	
Cassia hebecarpa	Polygonum pensylvanicum	
Catalpa speciosa	Polygonum persicaria	
Celastrus orbiculatus	Populus deltoides	
Centaurea maculosa	Potentilla simplex	
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	Rubus allegheniensis	
Cirsium vulgare	Rumex crispus	
Conyza canadensis	Setaria faberi	
Coronilla varia	Setaria glauca	
Cyperus strigosus	Solidago altissima	
Echinocloa crusgalli	Solidago rugosa	
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Sorghastrum nutans	
Eleusine indica	Toxicodendron radicans	
Elymus canadensis	Trifolium pratense	
Eragrostis pectinacea	Trifolium repens	
Erechtites hieracifolia	Verbascum thapsus	
Erigeron strigosus	Verbena urticifolia	
Eupatorium rugosum	Vitis labrusca	
Euphorbia maculata		
Euthamia graminifolia		
Gnaphalium obtusifolium		
Helenium autumnale		
Hypericum perforatum		
Juncus effusus		

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	Transe	ct 2: Emer	gent Wetland	l Zone	
Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover
Plot 1	Epilobium coloratum	3%	Plot 4	Apocynum cannabinum	2%
	Polygonum sagittatum	25%		Solidago altissima	6%
	Typha latifolia	10%		Echinocloa crusgalli	2%
	Euthamia graminifolia	10%		Eupatorium maculatum	3%
	Solidago gigantea	15%		Lythrum salicara	5%
	Pilea pumila	5%		Euthamia graminifolia	10%
	Impatiens capensis	5%		Polygonum persicaria	1%
	Toxicodendron radicans	5%		Agalinis tenuifolia	2%
	Phalaris arundinacea	15%		Bare ground	70%
	Agrostis hyemalis	10%			
	Lythrum salicaria	5%	Plot 5	Lythrum salicara	15%
				Setaria glauca	10%
Plot 2	Phalaris arundinacea	2%		Echinocloa crusgalli	10%
	Agrostis hyemalis	80%		Verbena urticifolia	3%
	Polygonum sagittatum	15%		Erechtites hieracifolia	3%
	Euthamia graminifolia	10%		Solidago rugosa	4%
	Impatiens capensis	1%		Agrostis gigantea	5%
	Toxicodendron radicans	1%		Cyperus strigosus	2%
	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	1%		Geum canadense	1%
	Cirsium arvense	1%		Potentilla simplex	1%
	Lythrum salicaria	2%		Acalypha rhomboidea	2%
				Agrostis hyemalis	5%
Plot 3	Juncus effusus	7%		Plantago major	4%
	Cyperus strigosus	8%		Desmodium ciliare	2%
	Solidago gigantea	8%		Solidago gigantea	5%
	Erechtites hieracifolia	2%		Euthamia graminifolia	5%
	Polygonum persicaria	1%		Medicago lupulina	3%
	Solidago altissima	5%		Bare ground	25%
	Euthamia graminifolia	4%			
	Lythrum salicaria	10%	Plot 6	Setaria glauca	5%
	Echinocloa crusgalli	15%		Plantago major	25%
	Trifolium repens	3%		Agrostis gigantea	25%
	Rosa palustris	1%		Echinocloa crusgalli	3%
	Epilobium coloratum	2%		Daucus carota	5%
	Pilea pumila	1%		Bidens frondosa	2%
	Panicum dichotomiflorum	2%		Trifolium repens	5%
	Agrostis hyemalis	7%		Acalypha rhomboidea	3%
	Daucus carota	3%		Eupatorium maculatum	2%
				Eleusine indica	15%
				Bare ground	10%

VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA Emergent Wetland Zone Inventory

Hydrology: Soil moist at surface.

Species Names	Species Names			
Acalypha rhomboidea	Panicum dichotomiflorum			
Agalinis tenuifolia	Parthenocissus quinquefolia			
Agrostis gigantea	Phalaris arundinacea			
Agrostis hyemalis	Pilea pumila			
Apocynum cannabinum	Plantago major			
Arisaema triphyllum	Polygonum pensylvanicum			
Bidens frondosus	Polygonum persicaria			
Boehmeria cylindrica	Polygonum punctatum			
Carex crinita	Polygonum sagittatum			
Carex hystericina	Polygonum virginianum			
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	Potentilla simplex			
Cirsium arvense	Rosa palustris			
Cirsium discolor	Scirpus validus			
Cornus amomum	Setaria glauca			
Cyperus strigosus	Solidago altissima			
Daucus carota	Solidago gigantea			
Desmodium ciliare	Toxicodendron radicans			
Echinocloa crusgalli	Trifolium repens			
Eleocharis erythropoda	Typha latifolia			
Eleusine indica	Ulmus rubra			
Epilobium coloratum	Verbena hastata			
Erechtites hieracifolia	Verbena urticifolia			
Euphorbia maculata				
Euthamia graminifolia				
Fraxinus pennsylvanica				
Geum canadense				
Helenium autumnale				
Impatiens capensis				
Juncus effusus				
Leersia oryzoides				
Lemna minor				
Lobelia siphilitica				
Ludwigia palustris				
Lythrum salicaria				
Medicago lupulina				

VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA					
	Transec	t 3: Fore	sted Wetland	Zone	
Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover
Plot 1	Typha latifolia	2%		Pilea pumila	2%
	Leersia oryzoides	5%		Setaria glauca	5%
	Bidens cernua	2%		Eupatorium maculatum	2%
	Echinocloa crusgalli	3%			
	Cyperus esculentus	1%	Plot 4	Rumex crispus	2%
	Panicum dichotomiflorum	1%		Erechtites hieracifolia	3%
	Verbena hastata	1%		Bidens frondosa	2%
	Bare ground	85%		Plantago major	10%
				Lythrum salicaria	5%
Plot 2	Acalypha rhomboidea	5%		Trifolium repens	5%
	Helenium autumnale	30%		Verbena hastata	1%
	Cirsium arvense	5%		Acalypha rhomboidea	10%
	Euthamia graminifolia	3%		Populus deltoides	2%
	Setaria glauca	3%		Aster umbellatus	3%
	Agrostis hyemalis	7%		Bidens discoidea	1%
	Echinicloa crusgalli	15%		Conyza canadensis	1%
	Solidago rugosa	8%		Solidago altissima	3%
	Lythrum salicaria	8%		Euthamia graminifolia	5%
	Eupatorium rugosum	3%		Echinocloa crusgalli	5%
	Cyperus esculentus	5%		Panicum dichotomiflorum	20%
	Agrostis gigantea	2%		Agrostis hyemalis	10%
	Panicum capillare	2%		Helenium autumnale	5%
	Polygonum punctatum	1%		Potentilla simplex	3%
	Pilea pumila	3%		Agrostis gigantea	3%
	Erechtites hieracifolia	2%		Bare ground	5%
Plot 3	Agrostis hyemalis	30%	Plot 5	Helenium autumnale	40%
	Eleusine indica	10%		Eleusine indica	15%
	Echinocloa crusgalli	7%		Polygonum persicaria	2%
	Artemisia vulgaris	3%		Ambrosia artemisiifolia	2%
	Lythrum salicaria	7%		Elaeagnus angustifolia	4%
	Plantago major	20%		Lythrum salicaria	3%
	Erechtites hieracifolia	3%		Lobelia siphilitica	2%
	Panicum dichtomiflorum	2%	- - - -	Setaria glauca	2%
	Solidago altissima	2%		Panicum dichotomiflorum	5%
	Potentilla simplex	1%		Solidago altissima	3%
	Daucus carota	1%		Acalypha rhomboidea	7%
	Verbena hastata	1%		Melilotus sp.	7%
	Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	1%		Agrostis gigantea	2%
	Polygonum punctatum	1%		Solidago rugosa	2%
	Trifolium repens	5%		Daucus carota	1%
	Acalypha rhomboidea	3%		Agrostis hyemalis	20%
	Oxalis stricta	2%		Bare ground	10%

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Plot Number	Species Names	Cover	Plot Number	Species Names	Cover
Plot 6	Euthamia graminifolia	30%	_		
	Polygonum persicaria	2%	_		
	Solidago rugosa	5%			
	Setaria glauca	5%			
	Potentilla simplex	10%			
	Helenium autumnale	10%			
	Bidens frondosa	3%			
	Artemisia vulgaris	2%			
	Eleusine indica	10%			
	Plantago rugelli	3%			
	Trifolium repens	10%			
	Agrostis gigantea	10%	1		
	Erechtites hieracifolia	2%			
	Aster umbellatus	1%	1		
	Agrostis hyemalis	5%	1		
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VEGETATION SAMPLING DATA Forested Wetland Zone Inventory

Hydrology: Soil moist to saturated at surface.

Species Names	Species Names		
Acalypha rhomboidea	Lamium purpureum		
Agrostis gigantea	Lespedeza capitata		
Agrostis hyemalis	Lobelia inflata		
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	Lobelia siphilitica		
Andropogon gerardii	Lythrum salicaria		
Andropogon scoparius	Medicago lupulina		
Apocynum cannabinum	Oxalis stricta		
Artemisia vulgaris	Panicum dichotomiflorum		
Aster lanceolatus	Panicum virgatum		
Bidens cernuus	Plantago lanceolata		
Bidens frondosus	Plantago major		
Bouteloua curtipendula	Polygonum lapathifolium		
Cassia hebecarpa	Polygonum pensylvanicum		
Catalpa speciosa	Polygonum persicaria		
Celastrus orbiculata	Populus deltoides		
Centaurea maculosa	Potentilla simplex		
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	Rubus allegheniensis		
Cirsium vulgare	Rumex crispus		
Conyza canadensis	Setaria faberi		
Coronilla varia	Setaria glauca		
Cyperus strigosus	Solidago altissima		
Echinocloa crusgalli	Solidago rugosa		
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Sorghastrum nutans		
Eleusine indica	Toxicodendron radicans		
Elymus canadensis	Trifolium pratense		
Eragrostis pectinacea	Trifolium repens		
Erechtites hieracifolia	Verbascum thapsus		
Erigeron strigosus	Vitis labrusca		
Eupatorium rugosum			
Euphorbia maculata			
Euthamia graminifolia			
Gnaphalium obtusifolium			
Helenium autumnale			
Hypericum perforatum			
Juncus effusus			

Appendix C: Photographs of Wetland Development





Photo 1. Panoramic view near Photostation 3, facing southeast (May 15, 2007)



Photo 2. Panoramic view near Photostation 3, facing southeast (September 20, 2007)





Photo 3. Panoramic view at Photostation 2, facing northeast (May 15, 2007)



Photo 4. Panoramic view at Photostation 2, facing northeast (September 20, 2007)





Photo 5. Panoramic view facing southwest from east end of Emergent Zone transect (May 15, 2007)



Photo 6. Panoramic view facing southwest from east end of mitigation wetland (September 20, 2007)





Photo 7. View facing east towards isolated transition zone. (May 15, 2007)



Photo 8. View facing east towards isolated transition zone. (September 20, 2007)





Photo 9. View facing south of low depressional area in emergent/forested wetland zone. (May 15, 2007)



Photo 10. View facing southwest of low depressional area in emergent/forested wetland zone.



Appendix D: NJDEP Permit 1439-04-0001.1





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Mr. Nicholas Clevett RMT, Inc., Michigan 2025 E. Beltline Avenue SE, Suite 402 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

RE: Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit No. 4

File No.: 1439-04-0001.1 (FWW 040001)

Applicant: L.E. Carpenter & Company

Block: 301; Lot: 1

Block: 801; Lots: 3, 4, & 5

Wharton Borough, Morris County Nearest Waterway: Rockaway River

Passaic River Basin

Dear Mr. Clevett:

The Land Use Regulation Program has reviewed the referenced application for a Statewide General Permit authorization pursuant to the requirements of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:7A. The proposed activity is authorized by Statewide General Permit No. 4, which allows regulated activities in freshwater wetlands, transition areas and State open waters for the investigation, cleanup or removal of hazardous substances or pollutants, which are undertaken, authorized or otherwise expressly approved in writing by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department).

Limit of Authorized Disturbance

The approved plans are prepared by RMT, Inc., dated February 21, 2005, last revised February 21, 2005, and entitled:

"L.E. Carpenter, Wetland and Stream Encroachment Permit Applications, Wharton, New Jersey"

"F3 - Wetland Impact Map", Sheet No. F3 of 7;

"F4 - Wetland Restoration Plan", Sheet No. F4 of 7;

"F5 - Construction Staging and Excavation Plan", Sheet No. F5 of 7;

"F6 - Final Grading Plan", Sheet No. F6 of 7;

"F7 - Details", Sheet No. F7 of 7

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Based on the approved plans, the authorized activity involves the disturbance of approximately 0.42 of an acre of freshwater wetlands and/or State open waters and approximately 0.19 acres of wetland transition areas for removal of contaminated soil and restoration of the disturbed areas. Any additional disturbance of freshwater wetlands, State open waters or transition areas besides that shown on the approved plans shall be considered a violation of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act unless the activity is exempt or a permit is obtained prior to the start of the disturbance from the Land Use Regulation Program.

Permit Conditions

The activities allowed by this authorization shall comply with the following conditions. Failure to comply with these conditions shall constitute a violation of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:9B-1 et seq.).

Special Conditions

- 1. All regulated activities at this existing Superfund site must be in accordance with the requirements of the Department's Site Remediation Program and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, including any requirements contained within an approved Remedial Action Workplan.
- 2. In order to protect the trout maintenance and trout stocked waters of the Rockaway River, any proposed grading or construction activities within the banks of this river are prohibited between March 15 and June 15 of each year. In addition, any activity within the 100-year flood plain or flood hazard area of this watercourse which could introduce sediment into said stream or which could cause an increase in the natural level of turbidity is also prohibited during this period. The Department reserves the right to suspend all regulated activities on site should it be determined that the applicant has not taken proper precautions to ensure continuous compliance with this condition.
- 3. All backfill soils shall consist of clean, suitable material free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts.
- 4. In addition to restoration of the wetland transition area as shown on the approved plan entitled "F4- Wetland Restoration Plan", the applicant shall also restore an area of wetland transition area not currently shown on the plan. This area extends 50' from the wetlands on the Wharton Enterprise property. These wetlands are classified as Intermediate resource value. This additional wetland transition area is drawn on the attached map portion. The restoration of this additional area shall be consistent with the notes on Sheet No. F4 of 7.
- 5. The mitigation project must be conducted prior to or concurrent with the construction of the approved project.

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- 6. Mitigate for the loss of <u>0.16 acres</u> of emergent wetlands and <u>0.26 acres</u> of forested and scrub/shrub wetlands through an on-site restoration project as shown on the plan entitled "F4 Wetland Restoration Plan, L.E. Carpenter, Wetland and Stream Encroachment Permit Applications, Wharton, New Jersey", dated February 21, 2005, last revised February 21, 2005, and prepared by RMT, Inc. In the event there is a conflict between the permit conditions and the approved mitigation plan and proposal the permit conditions take precedent.
- 7. The permittee shall notify the Land Use Regulation Program, in writing, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the start of construction of the wetland mitigation project for an on-site pre-construction meeting between the permittee, the contractor, the consultant and the Program.
- 8. The mitigation designer must be present during critical stages of construction of the mitigation project this includes but is not limited to herbicide applications, sub-grade inspection, final grade inspection, and planting inspection to ensure the intent of the mitigation design and their predicted wetland hydrology is realized in the landscape. Mitigation designs are not static documents and changes may be necessary to ensure success of the project. It shall be the prerogative of the mitigation consultant to make changes to the design should field conditions warrant such action.
- 9. Immediately following final grading of the site, a disc must be run over the site to eliminate compaction. The mitigation designer must be present to oversee this phase of the project and confirm with the Department this activity has occurred prior to planting of the site.
- 10. Immediately following the final grading of the mitigation site and prior to planting, the permittee shall notify the Program for a post-grading construction meeting between the permittee, contractor, consultant and the Program. The permittee must give the Program at least thirty (30) days notice prior to the date of this meeting.
- 11. Within 30 days following the final grading and planting of the mitigation project, the permittee shall submit a final report to the Land Use Regulation Program. The final report shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
 - a. A completed WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION FORM (attached) which certifies that the mitigation project has been constructed as designed and that the proposed area of wetland creation, restoration or enhancement has been accomplished;
 - b. As built plans which depict final grade elevations at one foot contours and include a table of the species and quantities of vegetation that were planted including any grasses that may have been used for soil stabilization purposes;
 - c. Show on the as-built plans that the boundaries of the wetland mitigation area has been visibly marked with 3 inch white PVC pipe extending 4 feet above the ground surface. The stakes must remain on the site for the entire monitoring period;

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- d. Photos of the constructed wetland mitigation project with a photo location map as well as the GPS waypoints in NJ state plane coordinates NAD 1983;
- e. To document that the required amount of soil has been placed/replaced over the entire area of the mitigation site, provide a minimum of 6 soil profile descriptions to a depth of 20 inches. The location of each soil profile description should be depicted on the as built plan as well as provide the GPS waypoints in NJ state plane coordinates NAD 1983;
- f. Submit soil test results demonstrating at least 8% organic carbon content (by weight) was incorporated into the A-horizon for sandy soil and for all other soil types 12% organic content or if manmade top soil was used it consisted of equal volumes of organic and mineral materials;
- g. The permittee shall post the mitigation area with several permanent signs, which identify the site as a wetland mitigation project and that mowing, cutting, dumping and draining of the property is prohibited; and
- h. The sign must also state the name of the permittee, LURP permit number along with a contact name and phone number.
- 12. If the Program determines that the mitigation project is not constructed in conformance with the approved plan, the permittee will be notified in writing and will have 60 days to submit a proposal to indicate how the project will be corrected. No financial surety will be released by the Program until the permittee demonstrates that the mitigation project is constructed in conformance with the approved plan, all soil has been stabilized and there is no active erosion.
- 13. The permittee shall monitor the mitigation project for 5 full growing seasons if it is a proposed forested or scrub/shrub wetland and 3 full growing seasons for an emergent wetland or State open water after the mitigation project has been constructed. The permittee shall submit monitoring reports to the Land Use Regulation Program no later than December 31st of each monitoring year (All monitoring reports must include the standard items identified in the attachment and the information requested below).
- 14. All monitoring report will include all the following information (see attached monitoring report checklist):
 - a. All monitoring reports except the final one must include documentation that it is anticipated, based on field data, that the goals of the wetland mitigation project including the transition area, as stated in the approved wetland mitigation proposal and the permit will be satisfied. If the permittee is finding problems with the mitigation project and does not anticipate the site will be a full success then recommendations on how to rectify the problems must be included in the report with a time frame in which they will be completed;
 - b. All monitoring reports except the final one must include field data to document that the site is progressing towards 85 percent survival and 85 percent area coverage of mitigation plantings or target hydrophytes (Target hydrophytes are non-invasive native species to the area and similar to ones identified on the mitigation planting plan). If the proposed plant community is a scrub/shrub or a forested wetland the permittee must also demonstrate each year with data that the woody species are thriving, increasing in stem density and height each year. If the field data shows that the mitigation project is failing to meet the vegetation survival, coverage and health goals, the monitoring

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report should contain a discussion of steps that will be taken to rectify the problem, including a schedule of implementation;

- c. All monitoring reports except the final one must include documentation of any invasive or noxious species (see below for list of species) colonizing the site and how they are being eliminated. The permittee is required to eliminate either through hand-pulling, application of a pesticide or other Department approved method any occurrence of an invasive/noxious species on the mitigation site during the monitoring period;
- d. All monitoring reports except the final one must include documentation that demonstrates the proposed hydrologic regime as specified in the mitigation proposal appears to be met. If the permittee is finding problems with the mitigation project and does not anticipate the proposed hydrologic regime will be or has not been met then recommendations on how to rectify the problem must be included in the report along with a time frame within which it will be completed;
- e. The final monitoring report must include documentation to demonstrate that the goals of the wetland mitigation project including the required transition area, as stated in the approved wetland mitigation proposal and the permit, has been satisfied. Documentation for this report will also include a field wetland delineation of the wetland mitigation project based on techniques as specified in the <u>Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands</u> (1989);
- f. The final monitoring report must include documentation the site has an 85 percent survival and 85 percent area coverage of the mitigation plantings or target hydrophytes. The permittee must also document that all plant species are healthy and thriving and if the proposed plant community contains trees demonstrate that the trees are at least five feet in height;
- g. The final monitoring report must include documentation demonstrating the site is less than 10 percent occupied by invasive or noxious species such as but not limited to Phalaris arundinacea (Reed canary grass), Phragmities australis (Common reed grass), Pueraria lobata (Kudzu), Typha latifloia (Broad-leaved cattail), Typha angustifolia (Narrowed leaved cattail), Lythrum salicaria (Purple loosestrife), Ailanthus altissima (Tree-of-heaven), Berberis thunbergi (Japanese barberry), Berberis vulgaris (Common barberry), Elaeagnus angustifloia (Russian olive), Elaeagnus umbellata (Autumn olive), Ligustrum obtusifolium (Japanese privet), Ligustrum vulgare (Common privet) and Rosa multiforia (Multiflora rose);
- h. The final monitoring report must include documentation that demonstrates that the proposed hydrologic regime as specified in the mitigation proposal, which proves the mitigation site is a wetland has been satisfied. The documentation shall include when appropriate monitoring well data, stream gauge data, photographs and field observation notes collected throughout the monitoring period; and
- i. The final monitoring report must include documentation that the site contains hydric soils or there is evidence of reduction occurring in the soil throughout the delineated wetlands.
- 15. Once the required monitoring period has expired and the permittee has submitted the final monitoring report, the Program will make the finding that the mitigation project is either a

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success or a failure. This mitigation project will be considered successful if the permittee demonstrates all of the following:

- a. That the goals of the wetland mitigation project including acreage and the required transition area, as stated in the approved wetland mitigation proposal and the permit, has been satisfied. The permittee must submit a field wetland delineation of the wetland mitigation project based on the <u>Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands</u> (1989) which shows the exact acreage of State open waters, emergent, scrub/shrub and/or forested wetlands in the mitigation area;
- b. The site has an 85 percent survival and 85 percent area coverage of the mitigation plantings or target hydrophytes which are species native to the area and similar to ones identified on the mitigation planting plan. All plant species in the mitigation area are healthy and thriving. All trees are at least five feet in height;
- c. The site is less than 10 percent occupied by invasive or noxious species such as but not limited to *Phalaris arundinacea* (Reed canary grass), *Phragmities australis* (Common reed grass), *Pueraria montana* (Kudzu), *Typha latifloia* (Broad-leaved cattail), *Typha angustifolia* (Narrowed leaved cattail), *Lythrum salicaria* (Purple loosestrife), *Ailanthus altissima* (Tree-of-heaven), *Berberis thunbergi* (Japanese barberry), *Berberis vulgaris* (Common barberry), *Elaeagnus angustifloia* (Russian olive), *Elaeagnus umbellata* (Autumn olive), *Ligustrum obtusifolium* (Japanese privet), *Ligustrum vulgare* (Common privet) and *Rosa multiforia* (Multiflora rose);
- d. The site contains hydric soils or there is evidence of reduction occurring in the soil; and,
- e. The proposed hydrologic regime as specified in the mitigation proposal, which proves the mitigation site is a wetland has been satisfied.
- 16. If the mitigation project is considered a failure, the permittee is required to submit a revised mitigation plan to rectify the wetland mitigation site. The plan shall be submitted within 60 days of receipt of the letter from the Program indicating the wetland mitigation project was a failure.
- 17. The permittee shall assume all liability for accomplishing corrective work should the Program determine that the compensatory mitigation has not been 100% satisfactory. Remedial work may include re-grading and/or replanting the mitigation site. This responsibility is incumbent upon the permittee until such time that the Department makes the finding that the mitigation project is successful.

In addition to the above conditions and the conditions noted at N.J.A.C. 7:7A 4.3 and 5.4, the following general conditions must be met for the activity authorized under this Statewide General Permit:

General Conditions:

18. All fill and other earth work on the lands encompassed within this permit authorization shall be stabilized in accordance with "Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey" to prevent eroded soil from entering adjacent waterways or wetlands at any time during and subsequent to construction.

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- 19. This permit is revocable in accordance with DEP regulations and State law.
- 20. The issuance of this permit shall not be deemed to affect in any way other actions by the Department on any future application.
- 21. The activities shown on the approved plans shall be constructed and/or executed in conformity with any notes and details on said plans and any conditions stipulated herein.
- 22. No change in plans or specifications shall be made except with the prior written permission of the Department.
- 23. The granting of this authorization shall not be construed to in any way affect the title or ownership of the property, and shall not make the Department or the State a party in any suit or question of ownership of the property.
- 24. This permit is not valid and no work shall be undertaken pursuant to this authorization until all other required federal, state, and local approvals, licenses and permits necessary for commencement of work onsite have been obtained.
- 25. A complete, legible copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site and shall be exhibited upon request of any person.
- 26. The permittee shall allow the Program the right to inspect the construction site and also shall provide the Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement, NJDEP, 401 East State Street, P.O. Box 422, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 with written notification 7 days prior to the start of the authorized work.
- 27. This authorization is valid for five years from the date of this letter unless more stringent standards are adopted by rule prior to this date.

Transition Area

The wetlands affected by this permit authorization are of Ordinary and Intermediate resource value. The wetland located associated with the drainage channel located along the eastern side of the site are classified as Ordinary resource value. No standard transition area is required adjacent to Ordinary resource value wetlands. The wetlands located on the adjacent Wharton Enterprise property are classified as Intermediate resource value and have a standard required transition area or buffer of 50 feet. In addition, all of the wetlands are classified as priority wetlands by the United States Environmental Protection Agency since they drain into the Passaic River Basin. This General Permit includes a transition area waiver that allows encroachment only in that portion of the transition area that has been determined by the Department to be necessary to accomplish the regulated activities. Any additional regulated activities conducted within the standard transition area shall require a separate transition area

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waiver from the Program. Regulated activities within a transition area are defined at N.J.A.C. 7:7A-2.6.

Consistency with the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan

This project has not been reviewed for consistency with the relevant Water Quality Management Plan or Statewide Water Quality Management Planning Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15). As such, there is no intended or implied approval regarding additional permits which may be required from the Department. For treatment works approvals, the consistency determination will be performed by the Bureau of Engineering and Permitting (North/South) which may be contacted at (609) 292-6894 for North (Middlesex, Hunterdon and Counties north) or (609) 633-1139 for South (Mercer, Monmouth and Counties south). For general information concerning the water quality management planning process, please contact the Division of Watershed Management at (609) 633-1179.

Appeal of Decision

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7A-1.7, any person who is aggrieved by this decision may request a hearing within 30 days of the decision date by writing to: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Legal Affairs, Attention: Adjudicatory Hearing Requests, P.O. Box 402, Trenton NJ 08625. This request must include a completed copy of the Administrative Hearing Request Checklist.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Susan Michniewski of our staff at (609) 633-9277. Please reference the above file number.

Sincerely.

Mark A. Godfrey, Supervisor Morris & Bergen Counties Region

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Attachments (map sketch, mitigation forms)

c. Anthony Cinque, Site Remediation Program

Jodale Legg, Land Use Regulation Program - Mitigation Unit

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Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement

Wharton Borough Clerk

Wharton Borough Construction Official

Wharton Borough Planning Board

Wharton Borough Environmental Commission